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SUBJECT: CLERIDES' MOVES TO PROTECT EMBASSY

1. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH PRESIDENTCLERIDES 1415 RPT 1415 LOCAL TO ASCERTAIN WHAT MOVES COCYPRUS HAS TAKEN TO GUARANTEE SAFETY OF AMERICANS IN CYPRUS. CLERIDES SAID THAT HE HAD ALREADY (1) MADE RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT EXPRESSING HORROR, CONDEMNATION OF ATTACK BY "ENEMIES OF CYPRUS; (2) SET UP 24-HOUR MILITARY FORCE AROUND EMBASSY, WITH ORDERS TO FIRE ON ANY FURTHER DEMONSTRATORS; (3) BANNED ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS.

2. AT URGING OF EMBOFF, HE UNDERTOOK TO ASK NATIONAL GUARD TO DETAIL ARMORED CAR, SEND EXTRA DETACHMENT TO REINFORCE GUARD OF EMBASSY PERIMETER. HE ALSO UNDERTOOK TO HAVE NG AND POLICE SWEEP NEARBY BUILDINGS OF POSSIBLE SNIPERS, SINCE EMBOFF MEN-
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TIONED EARLIER REPORTS OF SNIPERS IN VICINITY.

3. CLERIDES SAW NO IMMINENT RISK TO OTHER AMERICANS IN CYPRUS BUT ADVISED THEY BE TOLD TO STAY IN PLACE UNTIL SITUATION CLARIFIES. WE WILL DISSEMINATE SAME LINE TO THOSE FOR WHOM WE HAVE RECORDS.

4. EMBOFF MADE PLAIN THAT WE INSISTED ON "GUARANTEE" OF OUR SAFETY, FAILING WHICH WE WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO MOVE EMBASSY OUT OF NICOSIA. CLERIDES HAD CLEARLY BEEN SHAKEN BY ORDEAL, AND HE WAS FIRST TO ARRIVE AT EMBASSY AFTER ATTACK AND HE WAS ONE WHO TOOK AMBASSADOR TO HOSPITAL. BELIEVE HE WILL DO ALL POSSIBLE, BUT WE UNSURE HE CAN CONTROL PASSIONS NOW RELEASED.

5. EMBOFF ALSO PHONED GREEK EMBASSY CHARGE SERBOS TO INFORM OF FACTS, ASK THAT NATIONAL GUARD COOPERATE FULLY WITH CLERIDES GOVERNMENT IN EFFORT PROTECT EMBASSY AND AMERICANS. SERBOS PROMISED DO THIS, FOLLOWING UP WITH NG COMMANDER AND ATHENS.

6. EMBOFF SPOKE BY PHONE TO UNSYG REP. WECKMANN, ADVISED HIM OF AMBASSADOR'S DEATH; ASKED HOW LONG UNFICYP WOULD BE ABLE PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR EMBASSY. WECKMANN POINTED OUT THIS NORMALLY FUNCTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT. EMBOFF AGREED, BUT NOTED PRESENCE CYPRIOT POLICE HAD NOT RPT NOT DETERRED ATTACK OR PREVENTED TRAGIC EVENTS OF PAST FEW HOURS. WECKMANN SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH FORCE COMMANDER AND CALL BACK.

7. DATT CONTACTED GENERAL KARAYIANNIS (COMMANDER CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD) TO ARRANGE FOR SECURITY OF EMBASSY. KARAYIANNIS RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD LEAVE CURRENT NG SECURITY GUARD IN AREA AS LONG AS NECESSARY. HE IS REINFORCING COMPANY NOW DEPLOYED AROUND EMBASSY WITH ARMORED CAR COMPANY.
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